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ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

# JUST NEWS

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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT SCS



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CHRISTMAS






# CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT PERSEVERANCE

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# COURAGE



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



The birth of Jesus Christ is no doubt the central point of Christmas, but at times we tend to forget the role that other important characters play in this beautiful story. Mary and Joseph were persistent in their commitment to listen and follow the voice of God to bring the Child Jesus into the world. The numerous difficulties they face in their journey as a family are examples of the perseverance we need to have as families and individuals during difficult times.

The simple and carefree shepherds believed the message of the angels, and take out time to pay homage to the Baby Jesus as he lay in the manger, teaching us that we are all called, irrespective of who or what we are. The wise men from the East too put their egos and agendas aside to follow a star that led them to the Child born in a humble manger, showing them that humility is a way of life that can be imbibed. And we cannot forget the selfish and cruel King Herod, symbolizing the dark side in each of us, that wants to kill the infant Jesus, an act of injustice to help satisfy a lust for power.

We can reflect on all these characters and their role in the Christmas story and if we pause long enough, we can relate to their motivations, obedience, and courage. On the other hand, we look at where we stand (like Herod) when it comes to accepting the divine will of God. This meditative stance will help us to connect with the Christmas story and to persevere in our own struggles and temptations. Truly, Christmas is not just about the fun and celebrations - it is about being strong in the conviction of our belief in God's love and listening to God so that we may always do what is right and good. As we enter the New Year, we can along with the entire universe look forward to the 'new thing' that God is doing in our lives and in our world. We can let go of many of our 'old ways' that do not serve us and our world. We can thus accept the invitation of God to enter a new phase of our lives and start afresh.

Wishing you a healthy, joyful and happy New Year 2023! God bless.



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



# HUMAN RIGHTS CALENDAR

## REFLECTIONS BY OJAS KHANNA (11A)



DECEMBER 10  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



International Human Rights Day is an important day for the world as it marks and celebrates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on 10th December 1948. It has been celebrated annually on 10th December since 1950, when the UN General Assembly declared it to be 'The International Human Rights Day'. This day is celebrated to encourage respect, protect and fulfill human rights for all, regardless of race, gender, religion or nationality. The International Human Rights Day is an opportunity to stand up for our own and other people's rights and to spread the message of human rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights of all human beings, regardless of their race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth, or status. It has served as the foundation for international human rights law, which has been further developed in the form of international treaties, regional human rights instruments, national constitutions and laws. The International Human Rights Day is a reminder of the need to promote and protect the rights and fundamental freedoms of all people. Everyone has the right to express their opinions, to enjoy their rights and freedoms, to access justice, and to live in peace and security. By celebrating International Human Rights Day, we can spread awareness about these rights and freedoms and create a better world for everyone.



### DID YOU KNOW FACTS?

Eleanor Roosevelt was the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and oversaw the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Eleanor Roosevelt holding the English language version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



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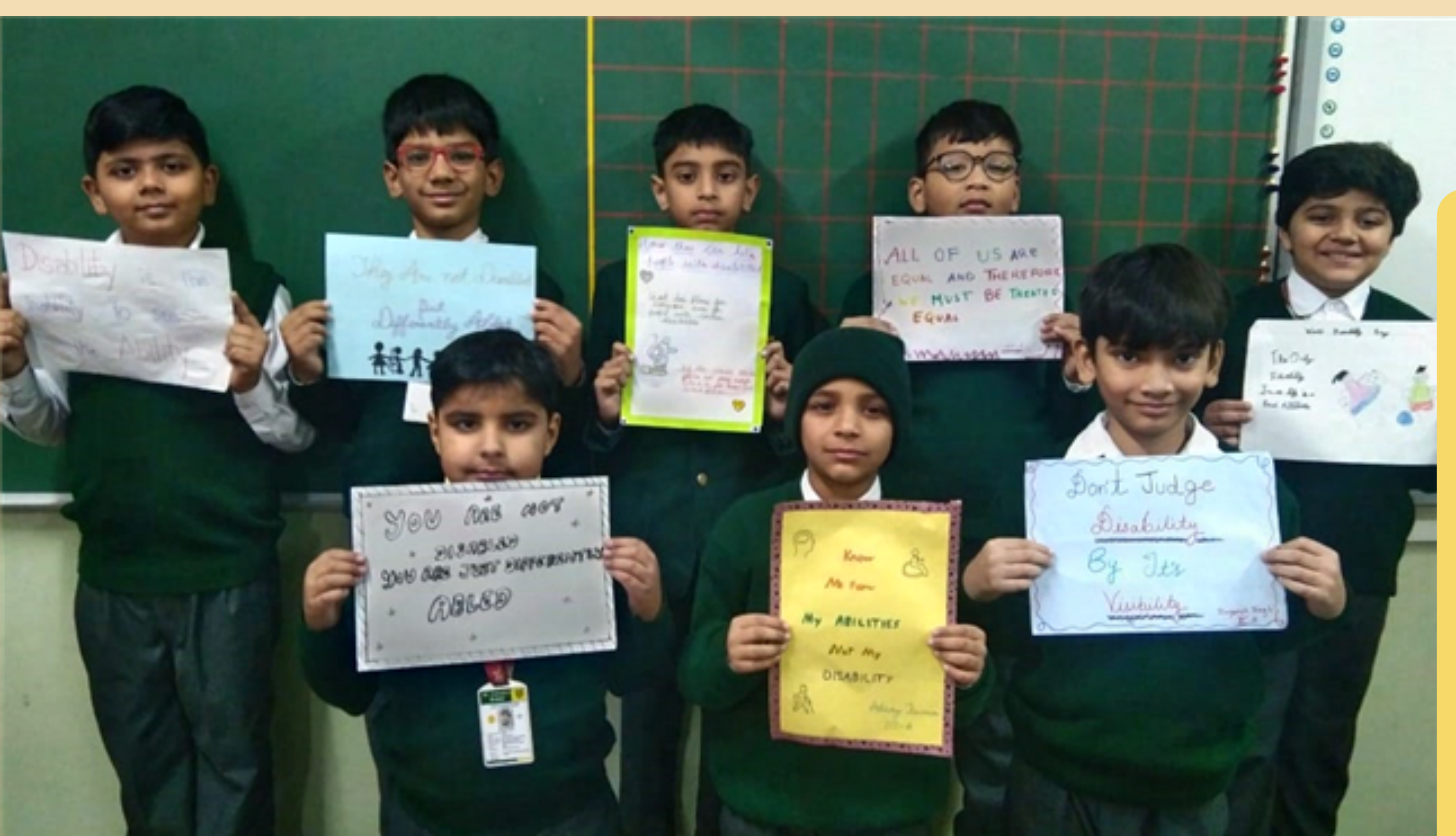
### International Day of Persons with Disabilities



The United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities is celebrated around the world on December 3rd every year, to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities seeks to increase public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of persons with disabilities, and celebrate their achievements and contributions. The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was first proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3, to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development. This day also aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of persons with disabilities. The celebration of this day is a reminder to all of us to focus on removing all the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating fully in society and living a life of dignity. It is a call to action for everyone to take action to create an inclusive and accessible society for persons with disabilities. The day also provides an opportunity for government and non-governmental organizations to raise awareness about disability issues, and to promote the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities. The celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities is a reminder to all of us to think about the rights of persons with disabilities and how we can contribute to creating an inclusive and accessible society for everyone.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

The learning centre team organized an activity on 6th December 2022, for classes 2 and 3 where the boys had to write slogans and draw on the topic "How can I help people with disabilities?" For the activity, the boys were asked to get a slogan written on an A4 sheet from home. On the main event day boys were encouraged to draw on the topic and decorate the drawing with colours, beads and stickers. The students displayed their creativity and made beautiful drawings and wrote heart touching slogans. Also, the learners gave many suggestions about how they can help children with special needs in school. This surely helped in sensitising our students about inclusivity, tolerance and acceptance towards all kinds of people.



2023

# NEW YEAR MUSINGS BY COLUMBANS

2023

## *Reflection by Tripat Singh Dhillon (11E)*

As the New Year approaches, it is a natural time to reflect on the past year and consider how we can improve and become better versions of ourselves. As we reflect on the challenges and successes of the past year, New Year allows us to be grateful for what we have accomplished and to wish for the well-being and prosperity of our loved ones. By setting new goals, identifying and overcoming our limiting beliefs and fears, and incorporating values such as gratitude, kindness, honesty, resilience, responsibility, courage, and empathy into our lives, we can make the new year a time of personal growth and positive change. Here's to a new beginning and all the possibilities it brings!

getting better

GROWTH



MINDSET

\* I CAN & I WILL \*

## I WISH LIFE WAS A BOOK

I wish life was a book

High in the flash of all strong magic,  
Sometimes a faint light has a sweet look:  
Fell on my life like a lonely moon.

Making the eyes of a man by night,  
Swift as time; and the little gold  
Bring me the splendour of light!  
The dream of this man here in the cold?

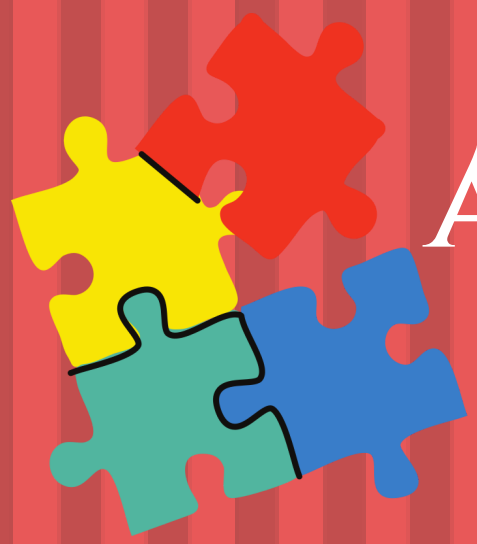
That every child must fight one day,  
Light out for the dying of the light,  
Shone and foretelling the lonely way,  
Did ring a lamp like a web of night.

I wish life was a book

Gripping the world with the crimson fall,  
I met with a look from a soft look  
Stands a place where I first was his call.



A Poem By  
Arnav Chaudhary(9C)



# AMAZING ASSEMBLIES JUNIOR SCHOOL



## STRANGER DANGER (Class 1D)

The idea of this topic was to guide the students so that they can take care of their safety. Topics included were - good touch and bad touch, safe strangers; and rules to be followed when dealing with strangers.



## SERVICES TO OTHERS AND OUR NATIONS GOOD (1E)

The assembly promoted the idea of selfless service to others without expecting to get back anything in return. These selfless services make us happy as well as our family and friends.



## ADVENT ASSEMBLIES Classes 3B&C, 2A&B





# ANNUAL SPORTS DAY JUNIOR SCHOOL



The Annual Sports Day of the Junior Wing was held on 9th December 2022 on the school ground in a frolicsome atmosphere. The day began with the welcome of the Chief Guest, Mr. Rajiv Tomar, a renowned wrestler, and an Arjuna Awardee, who graced the occasion with his benign presence. The grand musical band presentation by the Rajputana Rifles Army Band left one and all in awe. The little lads of all sections of Classes 1,2 and 3 led by their respective flag bearers, marched in synchrony to the beat of the drum. The March Past was dedicated to the promotion of the Sustainable Developmental Goals of the UN. The music club boys presented a medley of songs which was followed by an astounding inaugural dance performance on the beats of Indo-Western Fusion music by class 3B students. The meet commenced with track races for the boys of different classes. Class 1 boys showcased various Yoga Asanas to improve strength, balance and flexibility. The tiny tots of Kindergarten won the hearts of the audience with their endearing drill performances dressed in colourful costumes. The Bhangra Dance performance by the students lifted the energy level of the meet to another level. The students of Class 2 presented an energising exercise drill with glittering fans in their hands. The spectacular drill performance by the students of Class 3 were a perfect blend of rhythmic aerobic exercises, strength training and stretching. The winners were felicitated with medals and trophies amidst thunderous applause. The highlight of the morning was the three very special events - the Zumba performance by the parents, the Helpers Race and the 'Tug of War' between the teachers and the mothers of the students.



# KINDERGARTEN EVENT A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER



A 'No Bag Day' was organized on 23rd of December 2022, in which the young learners came to the various workstations put up by the teachers and were given a platform to showcase and explore the various milestones they had achieved. The art and craft workstation gave their imagination a flight to creativity, wherein they played with paper craft and colours. Playing with hooplas to ring the Santa toys gave the children an opportunity to showcase their hand-eye coordination. The learners enjoyed the quiz on animals and were all smiles when they received their little rewards. Feeding the snowman and the Treasure Hunt made sure the little grey cells were tickled and the young learners were able to find the treasure. The 'Story-Land' workstation was thoroughly enjoyed by all, wherein the characters came alive to narrate the story of the 'Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Birth of Jesus Christ' and the 'The Rainbow Fish'. In the end, the learners could earn a sandwich, a popcorn cone, or a candy if they spoke well on what they aspired to become or on a good deed that they performed. This gave them a chance to present their speaking skills. The cherry on the cake was the 'Magic Show', 'Aerobic Time', 'Story- Ghar' and 'Jumpy'. The thought behind the show was to give the young learners an opportunity to develop their decision-making skills. To achieve this, the learners were given limited coupons. Putting their decision-making skills into use, they had to prudently decide what game they wanted to play.



# COLUMBIX 2022-23

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



On 15th of December, the Sports Meet, Columbix 2022-2023, took place. The event was graced by the presence of our Chief Guests, Mr. Nishith Arora & Mr. Rajiv Agarwal (Alumni, Year 1973). Various sports events like march past, push ups, plank, tug- of- war and races of all kinds were held. Students from all the five houses actively participated with Br. Leonard House securing the first position both for the March Past as well as the overall rolling trophy. The event was a huge success, motivating all the students and filling them with the spirit of sportsmanship.

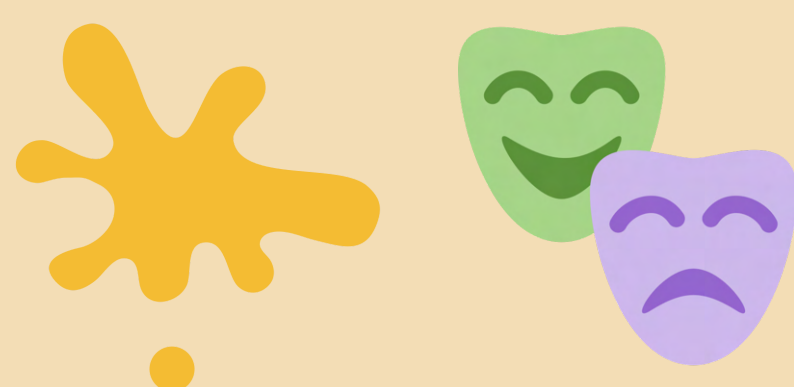


# FESTIVE FIESTA

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS EXHIBITION



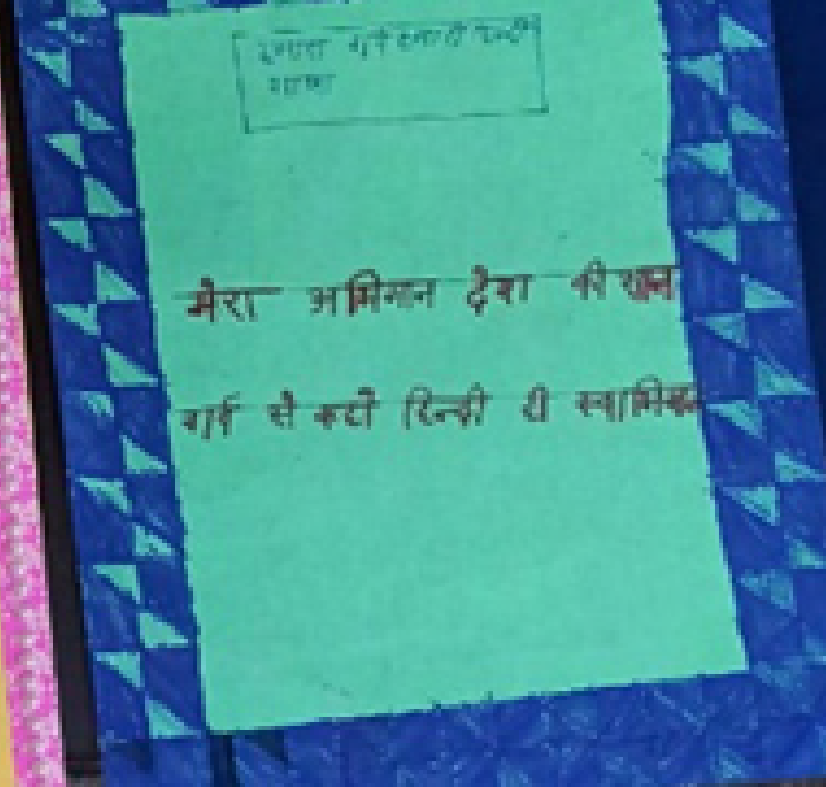
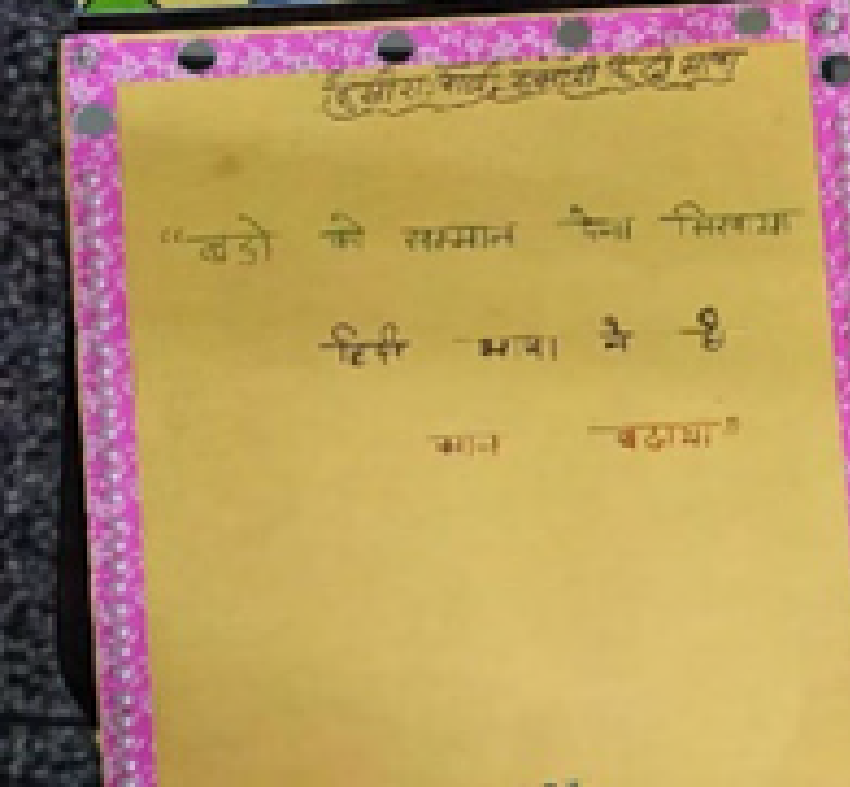
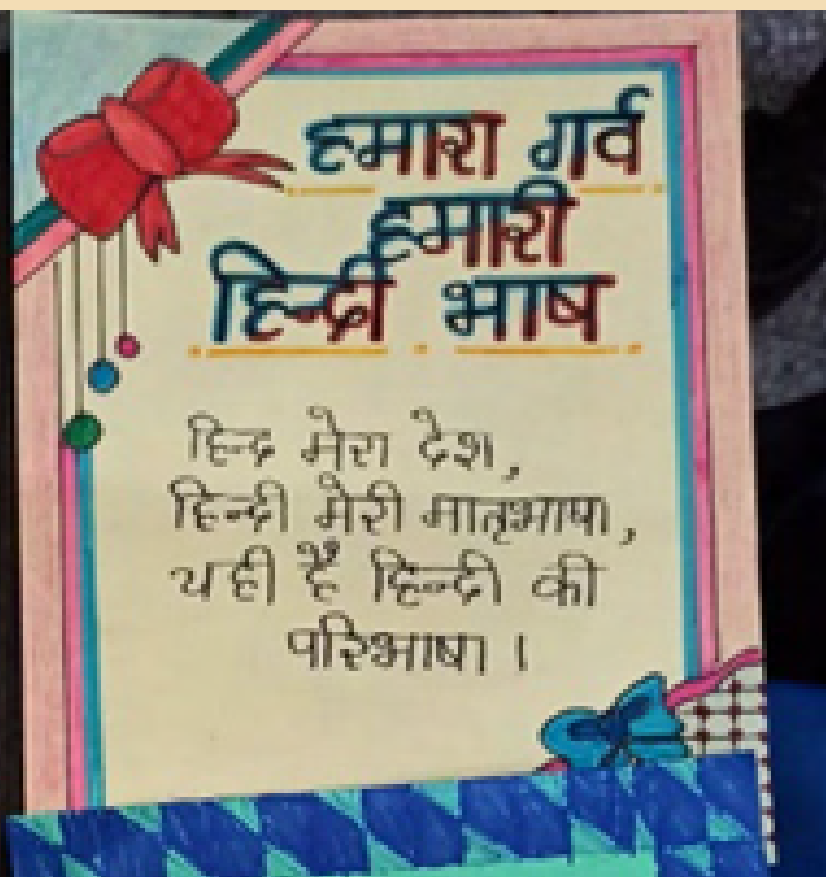
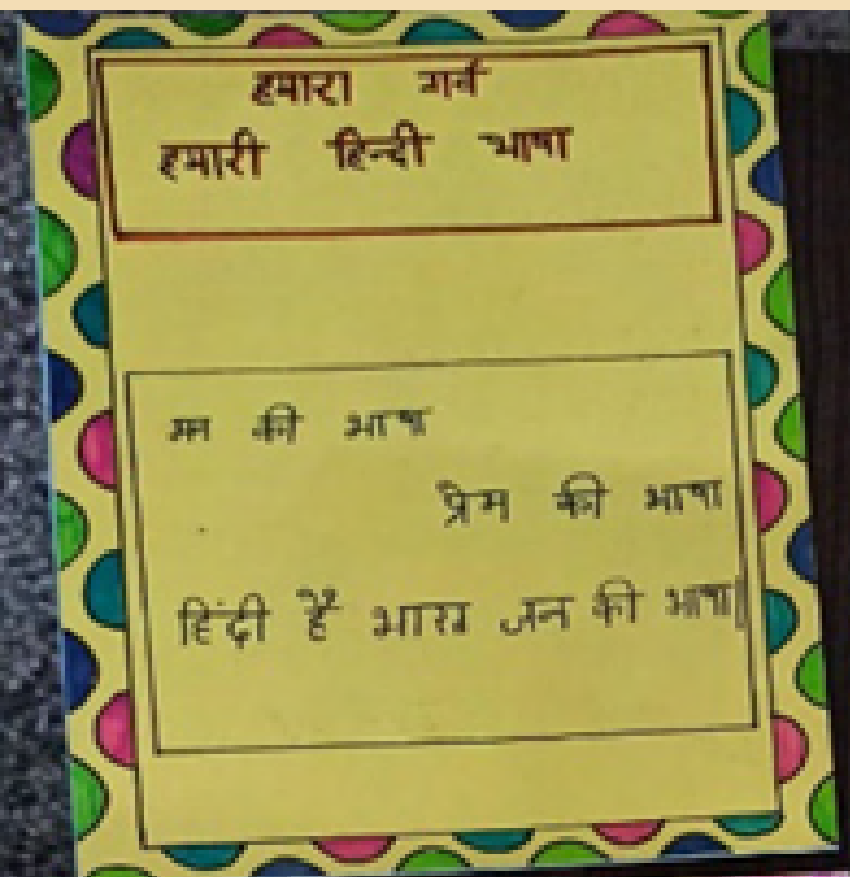
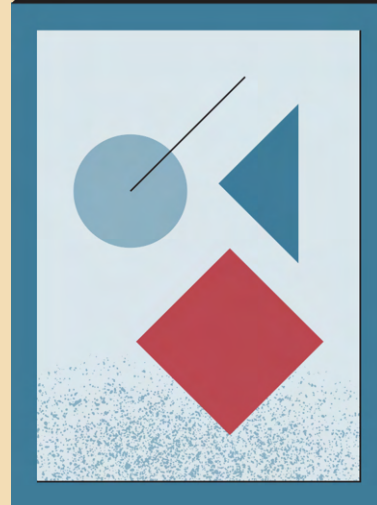
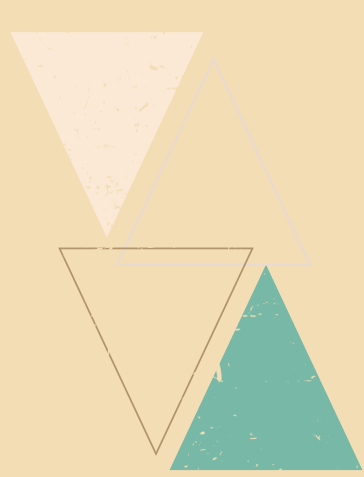
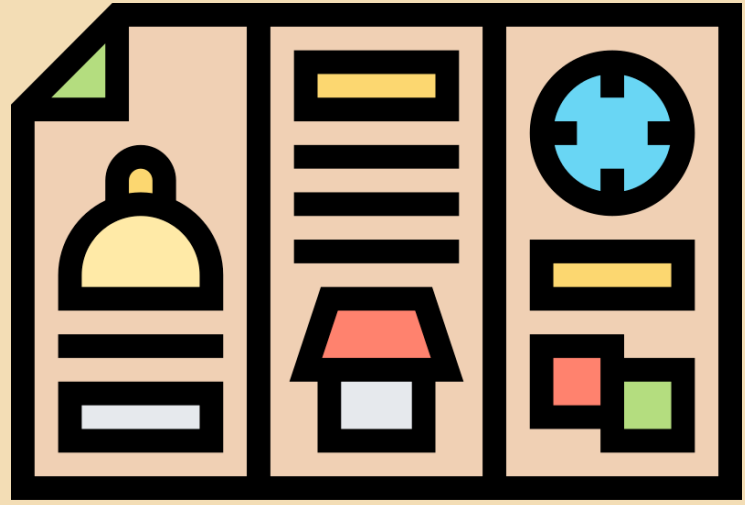
The Christmas season this year kicked off by celebrating a joyful Art Exhibition on the 20th December 2022, Tuesday. The Edmund Rice Hall was filled with the selected colorful delights of our talented students of classes 4 to 10. Works included Paper Caricatures, Charcoal Drawings, Canvas paintings, Doodle art, on-the-spot foil paper models and vast arena of art and craft work. The event was graced by the presence of eminent Chief Guest Fr. Afilash T. Issac from Indthe ian Orthodox Church, Diocese of Delhi. All students of classes 4-10 were taken around to witness the creativity of their peers. Totem poles along with African tribe drawings were the main attractions. A workshop was conducted by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on pottery making and various competitions were held by Pidilite to keep our little minds busy and engrossed in creativity. Students thoroughly enjoyed these activities. Some of the key highlights were the works of Ubaid (class 9A), Yashasvi (class 9A), Sean (class 9D), Ayush Sharma (class 9A) and Alistair (class 10D). All the students of Art Club worked tirelessly for the last many days and ensured that the event was successful.



# INDRADHANUSH HINDI COMPETITION MIDDLE SCHOOL



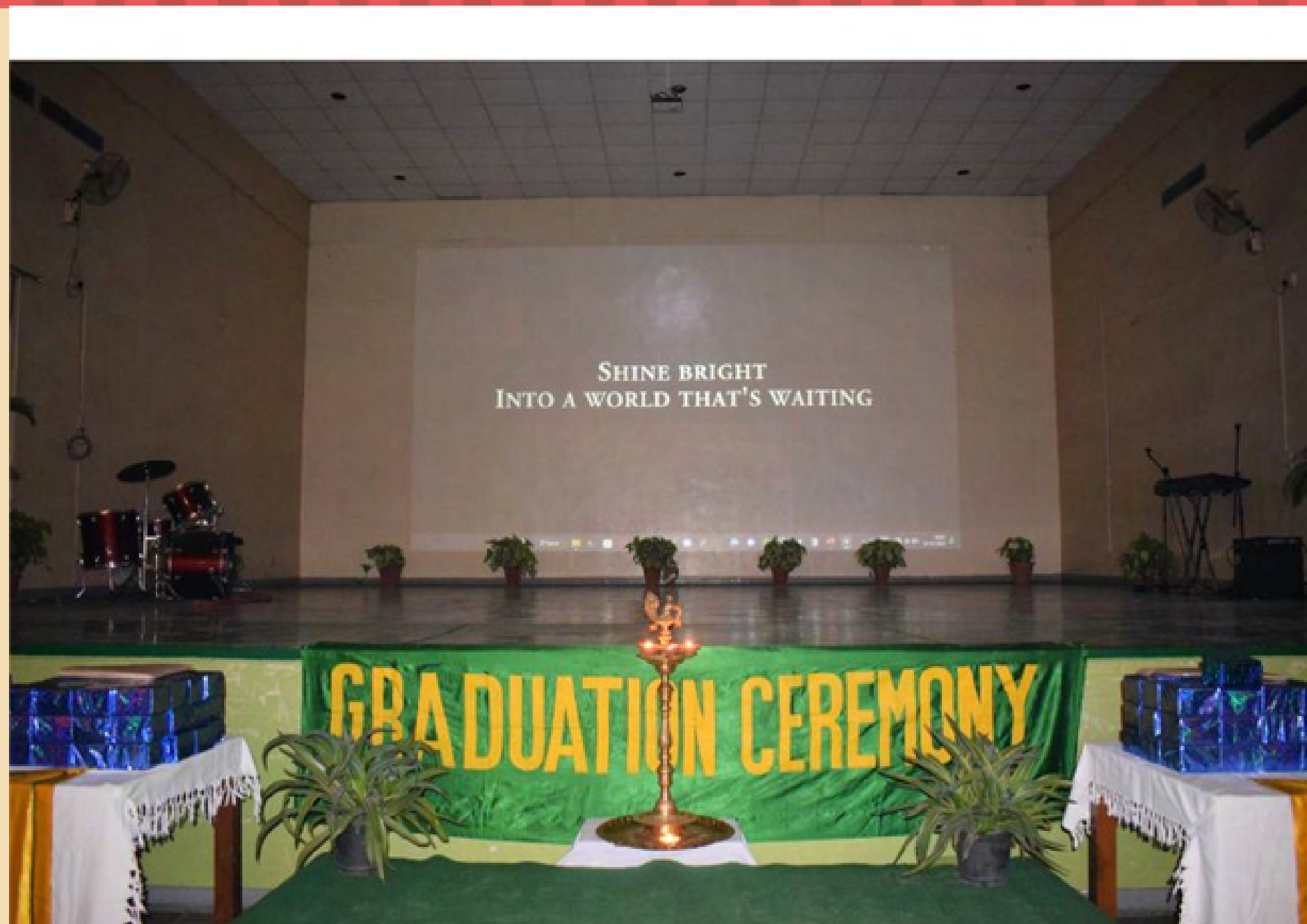
The Middle Wing of the school organized various activities from 17th to 28th October 2022 for the students of class 4 to 8 as part of Indradhanush (Hindi Pratiyogita). Class 4 participated in Slogan Writing Competition-“ Hindi Bhasha Ka Mahatva”. Class 5 participated in Book-Mark Making Competition. Class 6 participated in Collage Making Competition- “Hindi Ke Prasiddha Kavi Ya Lekhak Ka Chitra, Sankshipt Parichay Aur Rachnayain”. Class 7 participated in Poster Making Competition- “ Mere Sapno Ka Bharat while Class 8 gave a Treat for Tongue by serving traditional food of different states with a presentation on the topic - “Prant Ke Rang Swad Ke Sang”. The students took part in all these activities with great zeal and enthusiasm. They learnt to respect Hindi Language and also got a chance to know about their hidden qualities.





# GRADUATION DAY 2022

## SENIOR SCHOOL



The much awaited Graduation Ceremony of the class of 2023 was held on 22nd December, 2022. The graduating class attended the ceremony accompanied by their proud parents, who were especially invited for the function.



The Principal, Br. Robert and Mr Chopra, Senior School Administrator wished the students every success in life. Mr Ajay Srinivasan, a proud Columban of the class of 1982 graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The teachers gave the outgoing class a warm and befitting farewell.



# Applications Invited



## The Newsletter team is looking for Journalists!!

These would be students who have a knack for writing, reporting, photography, editing, and Canva (designing). Write a mail stating your field of interest and also a sample of your work to:

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